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WISE BAPTIST NEWS

A PUBLICATION FOR MEMBERS AND FRIENDS OF
WISE BAPTIST CHURCH

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Important Dates:

Wed, April 17th
6:00 pm—Dinner
6:45 pm—Bible Study
for All Ages
7:50 pm—Sanctuary
Choir Rehearsal
Sun, April 21st
4:30 pm—"A Time to
Dance" Marriage
Enrichment Bible Study /
Ballroom Dancing
Sat, April 27th
10:00 am—Servant
Evangelism Project

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Sun, May 12th
Graduate Recognition
Sunday

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*We extend our
heartfelt prayers
and deepest
sympathy to
Wilma Graham in
the death of her
mother, Evelyn
Addington, on
Saturday,
April 13th.*

GO ON HOME SO I CAN MISS YOU!

Beloved Friends,

In October 1981, I topped the crest of the hill leading into Wise, Virginia, for the very first time. Carolyn, Dwight, Amy and I were looking for the Inn. We spotted it but passed it up looking for parking. One deacon, on the lookout for our arrival, saw us drive by and said "well, they took one look at this place and went on back to Tennessee!"

No, we took one look at this place and fell in love with a people, a church and a town. In fact, I cherish this place and these relationships so much that I have been a sojourner here for thirty-one years, twenty-seven years as your pastor and then as your Pastor Emeritus. Thank you for that honor and privilege.

Wise became home and we planned to stay here "all the way to the end of the way" but our plans are not always God's plans. Ms. Carolyn, Mimi and I are relocating to Knoxville to be near our children and grands. We need them and look forward to being a more integral part of their lives. We are sad in leaving Wise, but at peace about this decision. Ms. Carolyn insists that this is not "goodbye" but just "so long for a while."

We will be together again....we will visit you in Wise and you will visit us in Knoxville. And then, before we realize it, we will join heart and hand in that perfect city not made by human hands eternal in the heavens! Thank you for sharing the pilgrimage with me and my family in the little red brick church in the county seat town of Wise, Virginia! I do love you more!!

Pastor Ray



Dear friends,

Ray and Carolyn reached out to Terry and me as we came to a new church and community. Carolyn shared her experience of tears in leaving a prior church family to come to a new one. Ray made a point to find out exactly when we were going to arrive for good in November of 2011. Ray met

Terry and me before we walked in the door, hugged us, told us he loved us, and prayed for us.

The installation worship service was an experience I will never forget. Standing on the platform side by side with Ray, Carolyn, and Terry was powerful. Ray and Carolyn graced and blessed us as we began at Wise Baptist Church.

Ray was a faithful shepherd to this church and community for many years. "Ray and Carolyn, I want to pass along my love and blessings to you in this new chapter of your lives. Thank you for being a part of my life. I love you and I will miss you."

Love, Pastor Mike

A place for faith and fellowship with family and friends.

ANNOUNCEMENTS



Wednesday Night Dinner and Bible Study

Everyone is invited to attend dinner and Bible Study on Wednesday evenings! Dinner starts at 6:00 pm and Bible Study starts at 6:45 pm. Three new adult Bible studies are available:

"The Total Money Makeover" - The success stories speak for themselves! Instead of promising the normal dose of quick fixes, Author Dave Ramsey offers a bold, no-nonsense approach to money matters, providing not only the how-to but also a grounded and uplifting hope for getting out of debt and achieving total financial health. Ramsey debunks the many myths of money and attacks the illusions and downright deceptions of the American dream, which encourages nothing but overspending and massive amounts of debt.

"So, You Want to be like Christ? Eight Essentials to Get You There" - This user-friendly study guides readers toward a greater understanding of eight spiritual disciplines of the Christian faith—prayer, humility, self-control, sacrifice, submission, solitude, silence, and hope. So, You Want to be Like Christ? is just right for anyone desiring to delve deeper into the fundamental elements of Christian life, and essential for all who hunger for authentic faith experiences.

"Conspiracy of Kindness" - by Steve Sjogren - This study, by the same author as "Outflow", is a great lesson on powerful and practical ways to be the church. It puts a kind and loving face on the church and it will change you.

Everyone is encouraged to attend Bible study!

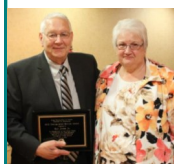
Please see Robert England or Pastor Mike if you have any questions.



April Mission Project

During the month of April, the Mission Committee is sponsoring a peanut butter drive to assist the Wise County Food Bank. **Please help replenish their supply by bringing a jar (or two) of peanut butter to Wise Baptist Church throughout the month of April.** Collection boxes are available at the Sanctuary and Middle entrances to the church. **Our goal is 100 jars of peanut butter for this community organization!** For more information on this effort, please see Erra Sutherland or any member of the Mission Committee.

GOOD NEWS



Congratulations to Pastor Emeritus Ray Jones for being awarded the 2012 Distinguished Service Award from the Wise County Chamber of Commerce.



Thank you to Butch and Donna Hutchinson (and Elora and Jayda) for hosting the 5th and 6th graders for camping at Natural Tunnel last

weekend! The weekend included cooking over a campfire, making s'mores, and hiking. Landon, Isaiah, Conner, Tyler, Macey, Emma, and Caroline had a great time!

Thank you to the Singing Sunbeam Children's Choir for your program, *Happy Day*, on Sunday evening. What wonderful enthusiasm each of the children showed while telling the story of Christ's victory over death on a cross. **Thank you** to Debbie Collins and Carla Sheppard for leading these children each week and to Susan Mullins for serving as their accompanist. Pictures are coming soon!

ANNOUNCEMENTS



Getting to Know Your Church: Youth Committee

The Youth Committee develops and promotes programs, in conjunction with Leigh, our Minister of Music and Youth, targeting children in grades 7 through 12. The youth participate in mission trips, fun trips, mission projects in the community, gatherings for movies and/or sporting events, and twice weekly Bible studies. The goal of the committee is to ensure that activities address the spiritual, emotional and social needs of our young people. Members of the youth committee are: John Mark Adrian, Kim Hall (chairperson), Donna Hutchinson, John Ponish, Lisa Porchie, Ruby Salyers, and Beth Snodgrass.



Outreach Opportunity

On **Saturday, April 27th** everyone is invited to participate in a servant evangelism project. This project will involve washing the windows of businesses in town. All participants are asked to meet at the Youth Building parking lot at 10 am that day. We will be finished by noon. If you would like to be a part of this project, please contact the church office (wisebaptist@verizon.net or 328.6247).



From Leigh

I would like to thank Donna for leading worship on Sunday. And to Russell Cyphers for sharing his talent through music! We are so blessed at WBC with an abundance of talented and willing people. If you don't believe me, ask some of your friends who attend other churches how many pianists and organists they have? How many choirs—children and adult? How many musicians? We are BLESSED! I am thankful to serve in such a place as this.

I enjoy, as I'm sure many of you do, reading inspirational devotionals. I have found several sources on the internet that I would encourage you to visit: Liz Curtis Higgs, famous author (*Bad Girls of the Bible* and many more) sends out a message every Wednesday (liz@lizcurtishiggs.com). Ann Voskamp, mother of 5 homeschooled children, guest speaker at women's conferences, and author, sends a daily email called *A Holy Experience* (annvoskampholyexperience@gmail.com). Also, Rick Warren, Pastor at Saddleback Church and author, sends a daily email called Daily Hope (connect@newsletter.purposedriven.com). I encourage you to visit these sites for daily encouragement.

Blessings, Leigh

TRUTH will meet at 9 am on Sunday morning.

The Jubilation Ringers will rehearse on Sunday, April 28 at 4:15pm.



Thank you, Gary Smith for leading our youth on Sunday evening! Thank you also to the Elkins for providing our meal.

This Sunday the youth will meet for dinner and Bible study at 6pm. The Hall and Porchie families will provide our meal. Please plan to be present and invite a friend!

As you pray, please remember...

Pat and Fred Adkins, George Barnette, Ray and Carolyn Jones, Lynell Wells, Michelle Hunter, David Mullins, Ron Swindall and Toni Thacker
All of the cancer patients in our area
Our men and women in the military

Hospitalized:

Jack Tolbert, Sr (Heritage Hall—BSG Rehab)

Our Shut Ins:

Jewell Bradley, Hazel Dixon (Mountain View), Martha Gilliam, Eddie Culbertson, Jeanne and Debbie Stallard, Vernoy Bolling, and Peggy Tolbert (Heritage Hall—BSG)

If there are other known prayer concerns and/or shut-ins, please let us know.



April 18

Kate Kunigelis

April 20

Eddie Culbertson

April 22

Noah Hall



Graduate Recognition Sunday, May 12th

All high school and college graduates will be recognized during worship on Sunday, May 12th. **High school graduates**, please send 10—15 “through the years” pictures via email (wisebaptist@verizon.net) or cd by April 28th. **All graduates should send** a list of your accomplishments, honors, degree, and future plans also by April 28th to the church office. The **high school** graduates that we know of are: Christian Coomer, Nick England, Alex Hall, Kristen Osborne, and Jerrard Vance. The **college graduates** that we know of are: Andrew Adkins, Elisha Alexander, Autumn Chisenhall, Mark Collins, Cameron Curtis, Kate Kunigelis, Lisa Moody, and Justin Wilson. If your name is not on this list, please notify the church office (328.6247) as soon as possible to be included in the recognition service.



Life Coaching for Preaching and Teaching

On **Thursday, April 18th** from 6:30—8:30 pm at Highlands Fellowship (22417 Watauga Rd, Abingdon), Ken Kessler, Certified Life Coach and Team Leader for Empowering Leaders Team, VBMB, will lead a session designed to introduce those who preach, teach, and facilitate small groups to the ministry of life coaching. More than just TELLING persons what WE think they need to know, life coaching invites God's Spirit to come alongside in a fresh way and guide persons to take steps necessary to move forward in their spiritual journey. The cost is \$10 per person (covers materials and snacks). **Please register by contacting the Link: 877.977.2652.** All attendees are encouraged to meet at the Youth Building parking lot at 5 pm that evening to carpool. If you have any questions or are planning to attend, please contact Leigh or the church office.

VOLUNTEERS THIS WEEK

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| Deacons On Call | 4/14-4/20 | Gary Smith; Bill Sutherland 4/21-4/27 Jerry Baird; Ron Helton |
| Building Stewards | | Ron, Dan, Scott S. |
| Instrumentalists | | Susan, Susan, Gigi |
| Worship Welcome Team | | Cindy E., Jason M., Oscar R., Daniel R., and Wendy A. |
| SS Greeters | 4/21 | Jim & Sherry Collie |
| | 4/28 | Billie Harris |
| Nursery | 4/21 | Travis & Kassi Jessee; Sharon Bradley; Sarah Lane |
| | 4/28 | Daniel & Tabitha Ray |
| Children's Church | 4/21 | Megan Cline |
| | 4/28 | Jill Jessee |
| PA | 4/21 | Mike Osborne |
| | 4/28 | Ron Swindall |
| Tellers | Apr | Oscar Raile and Mike Strouth |
| Ushers | 4/21 | Travis Jessee*, Jason Mullins, Jeff Elkins, Bryon Burton, Robert England, Dwight Jessee, Daniel Ray, and John Mark Adrian |
| | 4/28 | Edgar Owens*, Roger Viers, Stan Kunigelis, John Hedden, Harold Witt, Butch Hutchinson, Mark Clark, and Jerry Baird *Offertory Prayer |
| Serving Team | 4/17 | Beverly, Sandy, Erra, Sherry, and Brenda |
| | 4/24 | Kim, Kathy H., Martha, and Donna |
| Menu | 4/17 | Chicken Tenders, Baked Potatoes, Green Beans, and Salad |
| | 4/24 | Lasagna, Garlic Bread, and Salad |

A Place for Faith and Fellowship
with Family and Friends



WEEKLY OPPORTUNITIES

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| Sunday | Sunday School | 10:00 am |
| | Worship | 11:00 am |
| | Youth | 6:00 pm |
| | TRUTH | 7:45 pm |
| Monday | Piecemakers (1st & 3rd) | 9:30 am |
| | Caring Friends (2nd, 4th, & 5th) | 9:00 am |
| | Children's Choirs | In Recess |
| Wednesday | Dinner | 6:00 pm |
| | Bible Study (All Ages) | 6:45 pm |
| | Choir Rehearsal | 7:50 pm |
| Thursday | Women On Mission (2nd) | Noon |

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"MANAGING YOUR LIFE" SERMON SERIES CONTINUES THIS SUNDAY @ 11 AM WORSHIP

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Thought For The Week:

"This Book of the Law shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do according to all that is written in it. For then you will make your way prosperous, and then you will have good success. Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be frightened, and do not be dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go." ~ Joshua 1:8—9 (ESV)